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NYAC OLYMPICS NEWS

Water Polo - Nine NYAC Medals, All Gold

The US women's water polo team, with nine NYAC players on the roster, secured its third consecutive Olympic gold medal by effecting a 14-5 victory over Spain 14-5 this afternoon. The USA took the lead early on, with the NYAC's Alys Williams scoring with just 27 seconds gone in the match. Maggie Steffens, also NYAC, added another goal with 3:36 left in the quarter. Spain fired off six shots before scoring; but, Maddie Musselman and Rachel Fattal, both NYAC, each scored in the last minute to give the USA a 4-1 advantage after one quarter. Spain rallied in the second quarter, but Musselman, Kaleigh Gilchrist (NYAC) and Makenzie Fischer each scored to make the half-time score 7-4.



Five unanswered goals in the third quarter gave the USA an insurmountable margin, assisted by the remarkable goalkeeping of the NYAC's Ashleigh Johnson, who shut down the Spain offense with a series of stops in the second half. Spain scored just once in the second half. In total, nine players scored for Team USA, led by Musselman's three goals. Remarkably, with this win, the US team continues its string of claiming medals in every Olympic Games since women's water polo was added to the program in 2004.

NYAC Medal Table: 11 Gold - 5 Silver - 5 Bronze

Gold

- Valarie Allman**, Track and Field (Discus)
- Katie Nageotte**, Track and Field (Pole Vault)
- Rachel Fattal**, Water Polo
- Kaleigh Gilchrist**, Water Polo
- Stephania Haralabidis**, Water Polo
- Ashleigh Johnson**, Water Polo
- Madeline Musselman**, Water Polo
- Jamie Neushul**, Water Polo
- Melissa Seidemann**, Water Polo
- Maggie Steffens**, Water Polo
- Alys Williams**, Water Polo

Silver

- Adeline Gray**, Women's Wrestling (76kg)
- Katie Zaferes**, Triathlon Mixed Relay
- Taylor Knibb**, Triathlon Mixed Relay
- Morgan Pearson**, Triathlon Mixed Relay
- Joe Kovacs**, Track and Field (Shot Put)

Bronze

- Katie Zaferes**, Women's Triathlon
- Vincent Luis** (FRA), Triathlon Mixed Relay
- Catie DeLoof**, Swimming, Women's 4x100m FS Relay
- Bezkod Abdurakhmonov** (UZB), Wrestling (74kg FS)
- Sarah Hildebrandt**, Wrestling (50kg)

Wrestling - Bronze for Hildebrandt

In the women's 50kg division, the NYAC's Sarah Hildebrandt, who stepped down in weight to compete in Tokyo, today won the bronze medal by taking a 12-1 victory by technical superiority over Oksana Livach of Ukraine. Facing Oksana Livach from Ukraine, the 50kg bronze medalist from the 2018 World Championships and the 2019 European champion, the match was intense, though Hildebrandt's from the outset. The NYAC woman's bronze adds to the silver medal she took at 53kg in the 2018 World Championships.



Modern Pentathlon - Elgeziry 25th

The NYAC's Amro Elgeziry won the swimming competition in today's men's modern pentathlon. That was his best event, however; after the fencing, equestrian and laser run, he ultimately placed 25th with 1358 points, 124 behind the winner.



Great Things Were Expected - Great Things Happened

All of the NYAC's 2020 Olympians travelled to Tokyo hoping, expecting, praying and striving for great things. Many of them met their expectations, some encountered disappointment, others exceeded even their wildest dreams.

Without exception, they gave their club every reason to be proud, embellishing, as they did, the NYAC's reputation for athletic excellence. Great things were expected; Olympian performances were delivered.

Congratulations, and thanks, to all of you, our NYAC 2020 Olympians. Your commitment to the highest levels of athletic performance personifies the values upon which the New York Athletic Club was founded.

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